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SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES - THE UNHCR APPEAL FOR FIRST
ASYLUM AND RESETTLEMENT

REF: STATE 194698

1. ON AUGUST 6 POLCOUNS CALLED ON COUNSELOR FERNANDO REIS,
HEAD OF FOREIGN MINISTRY ASIA DIVISION, AND GAVE HIM TEXT
OF USC'S REPLY TO UNHCR APPEAL ON BEHALF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES.
POLCOUNS ALSO MADE POINTS PROVIDED IN REFERENCE. REIS THANKED
EMBASSY FOR PRESENTATION AND SAID HE WOULD BRING MATTER TO THE
ATTENTION OF FOREIGN MINISTRY SENIOR OFFICIALS. HE ADDED
THAT BRAZIL DOES NOT HAVE AN ASYLUM PROGRAM AND THAT HE IS
UNAWARE OF ANY REQUESTS BY INDOCHINESE REFUGEES TO ENTER BRAZIL
AS NORMAL IMMIGRANTS. IF THEY WERE TO APPLY FOR IMMIGRATION
AND MET THE STANDARD CRITERIA, THEY WOULD BE ADMITTED.

2. COMMENT: BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY TENDS TO LOOK ON
ASIAN PROBLEMS AS "DISTANT;" THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF
THIS OPTIC IS A RELUCTANCE TO BECOME INVOLVED IN WHAT ARE
PERCEIVED TO BE ASIAN PROBLEMS. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT UNLIKELY
BRAZIL WILL MAKE SPECIAL EFFORT IN BEHALF OF INDOCHINESE
REFUGEES.
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